

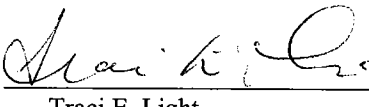
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: *Kaku et al.*  
Serial No.: 10/591,576                      Group No.: 1638  
Filed: 5/21/2007                      Examiner: IBRAHIM, Medina Ahmed  
Entitled: **Chitin Oligosaccharide Elicitor-Binding Protein**

**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 15, 2008  
OFFICE ACTION**

**Box Amendment**

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Examiner Ibrahim,

This is responsive to the above-referenced Office Action, and is timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period ending after March 15, 2009. Accordingly, a request and fee for extension of time are not enclosed. Enclosed is Tab 1, showing alignment of Yano *et al.*'s sequences with the recited SEQ ID NOs: 1-4.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 9.